Allotment of time-slot on Doordarshan

195. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: GUPTA:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS
SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD:
SHRI GAYA SINGH:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have announced a scheme of allotting time-slots on the basis of random number generation technique instead of first come first served basis;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the proopsed scheme of alloting time-slots on first come first served basis had been postponed due to some controvercy arising out of it; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) The allotment of time slots has been stayed by the Delhi High Court till 28-7-93.

Government plans to raise financial resources for NTPC Power Projects

196. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of POWER be pelased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National thermal Power Corporation is facing a shortfall of about Rs. 7000 crores over the next five years to fund its power projects;

(b) if so, what are the details of each project facing shortfall and what will be their total investment requirements (project-wise) and by when each project is likely to be completed;

(c) in what manner Government plan to meet these requirements including shortfall through its budgetary allocations and foreign loans;

(d) what are the details of its other concrete plan's for raising resources to ensure the completion of projects as per schedule; and

(e) what steps Government propose to take to ensure that there will be no default in utilisation of the World Bank loan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) to (e) The approved Eighth Plan (1992—97) outlay for the National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) is Rs. 9982 crores. Funds to the extent of Rs. 4212 crores, comprising Rs. 2970 crores of external assistance and Rs. 1242 crores of direct external borrowings, have been tied up for on-going projects. In addition, a sum of Rs. 1500 crores is proposed to be met out of internal resources. The balance of Rs. 4270 crores is proposed to be funded out of market borrowings.

The NTPC has also successfully completed negotiations with the World Bank for a new loan of US $ 400 million being the 1st tranche of a series of three loans to be extended by the World Bank with a cumulative value of US $ 1.2 billion, and of US $ 160 million from the Asian Development Bank (ADB). In addition, OECF Japan have completed appraisal of Faridabad Gas Power Project and loan agreement is expected to be signed during 1993-94.

The requirement of market borrowings needs review after the aforsesaid external financing is finalised and also taking into account the internal resources available and any other external loan that may be negotiated during the intervening period.

The projectwise Eighth Plan outlay and likely schedule of completion is indicated in the enclosed Statement (See below). The implementation of these projects is closely monitored to ensure adherence to the commissioning and utilisation schedule.